New technology to teachers

1955. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any new initiatives for making teachers aware of new technology by providing them all latest technical support and guidance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken for making available quality and fruitful education to the students in the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), a statutory body of Ministry of Human Resource Development, has taken steps for integration of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) as a component in the pre-service curriculum, to be made effective by each examining body.

Teachers are also being trained in using ICT in their teaching to bring more efficacy and also in preparing software for e-learning and EDUSAT programmes. A few teacher educators have already been sensitized in teaching through the use of EDUSAT.

Scholarship to post-matric students in Andhra Pradesh

1956. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds sought by Andhra Pradesh State Government for the post matric scholarship in the current financial year 2006-07;

(b) the amount released to Andhra Pradesh Government so far;

(c) the number of students benefited by such scholarships during 2005-06, and of those proposed to be benefited in the current year; and

(d) the amount and percentage of contribution of Andhra Pradesh Government in post matric scholarship as its committed liability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d)